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Military Families Learning Network: Network Literacy

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Additional Information

Network Literacy Home Page

www.extension.org/network_literacy

Network Literacy Blog

http://blogs.extension.org/military_families/category/network-literacy

Free Webinars

<https://learn.extension.org/events/tag/network%20literacy>

Network Literacy Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/NetworkLiteracy

Network Literacy Google Plus Page

<https://plus.google.com/u/0/100994641102542483850/posts>

Background

Citizenship in the Internet era, as well as full participation in 21st-century economic, social and political life, demands new forms of literacy. The Internet is a decentralized, global network of interlinked computing devices that has revolutionized the way people communicate, teach, learn, entertain, organize, conduct research, publish, transact and promote. Developing network literacy is a continuous process of becoming comfortable and proficient with a variety of tools to use and participate in interactive online environments.

Highlights

Network literacy is a valuable component of the military community. Military families rely heavily on the Internet, and as such, the Military Families Learning Network's Network Literacy Community of Practice aims to hone their skills in areas such as:

- **Hardware and software** — Basic knowledge of and familiarity with computer hardware and software that supports online activities and full participation on the Internet
- **Online navigation** — Locating, evaluating and sharing information online allows military families to obtain and disseminate quality information, while filtering out the bad
- **Joining online communities** — Being able to join and participate in online communities, while protecting personal information, creates informative conversations in a secure, comfortable environment

